

OVERVIEW: PART THREE

DEVELOPMENT OF THE REST OF YOUR APPLICATION

Once you have finalized your *Specific Aims* section and the Significance and Innovation subsections of the *Research Strategy* section you will be ready to develop the remainder of your proposal. Doing so is the subject of the following chapters.

Chapter Ten, “Approach Subsection of *Research Strategy*: Research Design, Expected Outcomes and Potential Problems & Alternative Strategies,” addresses development of the narrative part of your proposal. As the title implies, this will be your narrative description of how you will accomplish your proposal’s goals.

Chapter Eleven, “Approach Subsection of *Research Strategy*: Justification & Feasibility; Progress Report; and *Bibliography & References Cited* section” recommends (1) how literature citations should be used throughout the application, (2) how preliminary data should be used to support feasibility of the project; (3) how an effective Progress Report sub-subsection should be written in support of a renewal/revision application; and (4) how to select and present references for the *Bibliography & References Cited* section,

Chapter Twelve, “*Senior/Key Person Profile(s)* Component, Biographical Sketches, and *Multiple PI Leadership Plan*” will allow you to describe your research team in such a way that the feasibility of what is proposed in the Research Plan is maximally supported.

Chapters Thirteen and Fourteen. Chapter 13, “*PHS 398 Modular Budget* Component and Justification,” describes how to prepare a modular budget and budget justification for R01, R03, R15, R21 and R34 proposals that have an annual direct-cost budget of \$250,000 or less. If you will be offering a modular budget, ignore chapter 14, “*SF 424 R & R [Breakout] Budget* Component and *Subaward/Consortial Budget*.” If you will be offering a breakout budget, skip chapter 13 and substitute the tips and strategies that are included in chapter 14. As its name implies, this chapter guides the preparation of a detailed budget and budget justification.

Chapter Fifteen, “Project/Performance Site Locations, *Facilities & Other Resources* and *Equipment* Sections” covers development of sections that are important in establishing the feasibility of what is proposed and which are the main source of information for evaluation of the core ENVIRONMENT review criterion.

Chapter Sixteen addresses *Human Subjects*, *Vertebrate Animals*, *Select Agent Research*, *Consortium/Contractual Arrangement*, *Resource Sharing Plan(s)*, *Environmental Impact*, *Historical Places* and *Foreign Components* should one or more of these be applicable to your proposal.

Chapter Seventeen offers tips on completing the two cover-page components that are part of an NIH application, the *SF 424 Cover Component* and the *PHS 398 Cover Page Supplement*. In addition, this chapter contains suggestions regarding how to use appendix material to your greatest advantage.